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CHAPTER 28

HOW DID I END UP THIS WAY...

ONE STEAK, PLEASE!!

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THE NEXT DAY

SO, AS HE'S TOLD ME THAT, THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO BUT TO COOK SOME-THING TO RESTOCK THE EDIBLES

SO YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ENTER THE CITY TODAY

SORRY, BUT THE QUEEN AND THE CITY OFFICIALS ARE DISAGREEING ON SOMETHING AND ARE STILL INDISPOSED

...OH FINE

SO GETTING SOMETHING WARM LIKE THIS IS A BLISS

USUALLY, WE SOLDIERS DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO EAT

OH, YOU'RE A LIFESAVER

ONE DAY LATER

SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING

WE'VE GOT PERMISS-ION TO OPEN THE GATE, SO YOU CAN COME THROUGH NOW

OH, YOU THERE!!

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WHAT NOW!?

YUP, I THINK IT'S YOU...

WE WERE INSTRUCTED TO BRING YOU TO A PARTICULAR PLACE

HEY, GUIDE HIM TO THAT PERSON, PLEASE!!

WHAT TROUBLE DID THAT QUEEN WALK INTO THIS TIME!?

THE QUEEN IS HERE
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THE QUEEN'S HAVING A QUARREL WITH THE CITY OFFICIALS
+
I'M BEING CALLED SOMEWHERE
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TROUBLE

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WELL, PLAY ALONG, WON'T YOU

OH... EARTH!!

SFX: E-A~~RTH

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COUNTER LARIAT!!

DAMAGE 0

SFX: GLARE

WHY WERE THE ENTRA -NCES AND EXITS BARRED

ONE DAY I CAN GET, BUT WHAT MADE YOU CLOSE THE GATES FOR 2 WHOLE DAYS!?

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STRAIGHT !!

YES SIR!!

WH- WHY...

SIT STRAIGHT

IT'S JUST I'D GOT THE INTEL THAT YOU WERE COMING

AND WANTED TO USE THE REMAINING DAY TO MAKE IT LOOK AS FABULOUS AS POSSIBLE

DID YOU THINK I'D BE PLEASED WITH THAT!?

HOW DID YOU EVEN ARRIVE AT THAT CONCLU-SION!?

POP

SLAP

SPEAK UP

WHILE, AS PER ROUTINE, PATROLLING THE EASTERN FORT TOWN

I FELT SOME UNUSUAL MAGICAL POWER IN THE DOWNTOWN AND WENT TO SEE IF THERE WAS SOMETHING THERE CAUSING IT

THERE WAS A GIRL, COVERED UP TO HER FACE IN AN OVERCOAT

I TRIED TO FOLLOW HER, JUST IN CASE, AND SHE CONTACTED MR. EARTH

SHE WASN'T HOSTILE, SO I CONTINUED OBSER-VATION

UGH... IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME

AND THE NEXT DAY, ANOTHER WEIRD MAGIC WIELDER'S SHOWN UP, SO I CONTINUED MY OBSERVATION

THAT GIRL ALSO CAME IN CONTACT WITH MR. EARTH

THAT'S HOW I CONFIRMED, THAT MR. EARTH IS FOND OF BIG BREASTS

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

HUFF

UGH...

HEY, QUEEN, STAY!!

I-I HAVE FULL 96CM, YOU KNOW!?

WA-WAS HERS BIGGER THAN MINE!?

SIT STRAIGHT !!

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BY THE WAY, THE GIRL EXPRESSLY STATED THAT HERS WERE 102CM

REALLY !!

HOW CAN IT BE... I, WHO HAS AN OVERWHELMING ADVANTAGE OVER MY YOUNGER SISTER...

THAT ASIDE, WHO WOULD YOU BE, SLICK BLACK HAIRED MISTER?

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I'D PREFERRED IT IF THE QUEEN INTRODUCED US...

I'M A GREEN DRAGON

OUR TRIBE CAN WIELD AIR

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WE, GREEN DRAGONS, ARE AN EXCEPTION, SO TO SPEAK

THAT MAKES THINGS EASIER

I WAS TOLD THE DRAGON TRIBE HAS DENIED CONTROL OVER THEIR POWER, AND DENIED ANY FOREIGN CONTACTS...

COULD I ASK YOU WHAT MADE YOU COME HERE?

BUT YOU'RE STILL A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PROUD DRAGON TRIBE

THOUGH IT'S RATHER TIRESOME

AND WE ARE ABLE TO CONTROL OUR POWERS TO SOME DEGREE

IN EXCHANGE FOR BEING THE WEAKEST AMONG THE DRAGON TRIBES, WE ARE THE MOST MOBILE AND CAN ASSUME HUMAN SHAPE

UM.....

S-SORRY, YOU CAN RELAX NOW

FIRST... PLEASE LET ME RELAX MY BACK AND SIT AT EASE... I'T HURTS...

S-SORRY FOR THAT, LET US RETURN TO THE PROBLEM AT HAND

OH, RIGHT

...HM

RIGHT, ABOUT THE REASON, FOR WHICH I CAME HERE...

CAN YOU REALLY NOT GUESS, WHAT IT IS?

IF YOU PUT IT THIS WAY...

NOTHING COMES TO MIND, EXCEPT FOR RETURNING A CHILD TO THE RED DRAGON COUPLE

BUT I THOUGHT WE DECIDED, THAT IT DIDN'T HAPPEN...

YES, IT IS CONCERN -ING YOUNG MISSUS

WHEN THE BLACK DRAGON ELDER SAW OUR YOUNG MISSUS BACK, HE COULDN'T BUT SMILE

AND WHEN SHE SENSED THAT AND CALLED HIM 'UNCLE~", HE WAS JUST BEYOND HIMSELF WITH JOY

HIS EXPRESSION AT THAT TIME WAS THAT OF A BLISS

NOT THAT I DON'T GET THE REASON WHY HE WAS SMILING...

BUT THE NEXT DAY A PROBLEM HAD SURFACED

YOUNG MISSUS REFUSED TO EAT HER RATION

SO YOU'D THINK EVERYONE WOULD BE AT EASE

WHEN THE BLACK DRAGON DOCTOR ARRIVED AND GAVE YOUNG MISSUS AN INSPECTION

HIS CONCLU -SION WAS A-OK

BUT YOUNG MISSUS UP TO THIS DAY EATS LESS THAN A HALF OF A NORMAL CHILD'S RATION

CHILDREN SHOULD EAT A LOT TO GROW BIG

EVERY RED DRAGON POSSE -SSES ALL THE ABILITIES OF OTHER DRAGONS

BUT SHOWING AN INTREST IN HUMAN -IFYING AT SUCH AN AGE IS UNHEARD OF

OH, I SEE

FURTHER -MORE, SHE ONCE CAME TO THE GREEN DRAGON SETTLEMENT AND SAID

"COULD YOU, PLEASE, TEACH ME HOW TO SHAPE -SHIFT INTO A HUMAN?"

I RECALL, THAT TIME SHE HAD A NICE APPETITE ON HER?

DIDN'T SEEM MUCH OF A THING TO DO...

IF YOU PUT IT THIS WAY... RESCUING AND FEEDING YOUNG MISSUS ON THAT DAY...

THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE SENT HERE TO FIND OUT

SO, WHY IS YOUNG MISSUS REFUSING HER FOOD AND WHY SHE IS INTER -ESTED IN HUMAN -IFYING

POP

HIGH RABBIT?

LET'S SEE....

2 HIGH RABBITS AND ABOUT 80% OF A WAR DEER

SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHAT DID YOU FEED HER WITH ON THAT DAY?

POP

STEAK? SOUP?

YUP...

ALSO, SHE HAD A HAMBURG STEAK AND SOME SOUP

SECONDS !!

ME TOO!!

NO WONDER SHE DOESN'T WANT RAW MEAT!!

—IT'S SO TASTY!!

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"IT"

SECONDS !!

ME TOO!!

CAN I HAVE THE NEXT DISH PLEASE !!

EHM- YOU DON'T DOUBT ME ANYMORE?

EVERYONE WILL KNOW I AM TO BLAME FOR THE FIGHT...!!

BUT IF I WON'T BE CLEARED OF ALL SUSPICIONS ...

THESE GLUTT -ONS...

WELL, YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW, YOU KNOW...

IF I GO BACK LIKE THIS, AFTER TASTING YOUR CUISINE, I WOULD BE SCOLDED BY EVERYONE!!

COULD YOU MAKE SOME FOR TAKEOUT FOR THE YOUNG MISSUS!?

SORRY FOR DOUBTING YOU GROUND -LESSLY!!

SFX: LEAN

OH, THAT PATTERN, WHERE I CAN'T DECLINE

THEN LET ME GATHER SOME!!

I DON'T HAVE THE INGRED -IENTS ANYMORE...

PLEASE, I BEG YOU!!

THOUGH THAT PROMISE MEANT, THAT WE WON'T COMMUNICATE EVER AGAIN...

STILL, DID THE RED DRAGONS FORGET THEIR PROMISE

OR JUST MENTIONED IT CASUALLY

WELL THEN, EXCUSE MY... LEAVE

I'M BEAT .....

I WISH YOUNG MISSUS REGAINED HER APPETITE WITH THIS

LISTEN, QUEEN, DIDN'T DRAGONS CONFINE THEMSELVES INSIDE THEIR BORDERS...

EHM... THEY CERTAINLY DID...

BUT... THANKS TO YOUR INFLUENCE, IT MAY NOT BE SO IN THE FUTURE...

AND IF I WOULDN'T DO THAT, OR IF THE FOOD I TREATED THEIR YOUNG MISSUS TO WAS BAD...?

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NOD

IF PEOPLE KNOW THAT A RACE WAS BROUGH BACK FROM ISOLATION BY MY CUISINE...

THERE'S NO STOPPING IT NOW...

LET'S PRAY FOR THAT GREEN DRAGON'S HEALTH

..... WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

THE TASTY GOODIES HE WANTED TO PRESENT TO HIS MASTER, THE RED DRAGON

HE ATE MOST OF THOSE

I'VE GOT WORK TO DO TOMORROW IN THE REAL

OH, I CAN'T AFFORD TO WORRY ABOUT OTHERS

I'M GOING TO BED FOR TODAY...

AFTER ALL, THE DRAGONS TRIBE'S APPETITE IS ENOR -MOUS

IN THE WORSE ONE, HOWEVER, HE SHALL HAVE A PROPER BEATING

WAY BEYOND YOUR USUAL POISON TASTING, SO IN THE BEST CASE IT'S GOING TO BE A PUNCH

SFX: HEHE...

THEN, BY ALL MEANS, USE MY PALACE

WE SHALL PREPARE THE BEST BEDROOM

SFX: TUG

IT'S OBVIOUS, YOU'VE DONE IT BEFORE!!

AND THEN SLIP INTO THAT SAME BED -ROOM!!

WH... AT...!?

I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY THIS TIME!!

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BE WELL !!

ALL THE INNS IN THIS CITY ARE CONCENTRATED AROUND THAT PLACE

DO I HAVE NO CHOICE, BUT TO GO BACK THERE!?

THEN, THERE'S A CHANCE, THAT THE QUEEN HAS LAID AN AMBUSH SOMEWHERE...

LET'S TRY TO ESCAPE!!

⇒DANGER SENSE⇐ FULL RANGE!!

MAXIMUM PRIORITY TO THE QUEEN!!

THERE'RE 7 INDICATIONS ON THE RADAR, BUT IF I TAKE THIS ROUTE, I WON'T...

RIGHT, IF I RUSH THROUGH HERE...

SFX: PAT

NOW, LET'S GO TO MY PRIVATE ROOM ♥

JUST WHEN DID YOU...!?

SO, YOU FELL FOR MY DECOY?

RIGHT, IT'S A GAME OVER

SFX: FALL

SFX: POKE

SFX: KYAAAAAA

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HEY, ISN'T IT BEDTIME ALREADY

YOU GOT AWAY THE LAST TIME, BUT IT WON'T FALL THROUGH TODAY

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DESPITE THAT, OTHER DRAGON TRIBES NEVER MADE LIGHT OF US

TWICE AS SMALL AS THE BIGGEST RED AND BLACK DRAGON TRIBES, TO BE PRECISE

WE, THE GREEN DRAGONS, ARE THE SMALLEST AMONG THE DRAGONKIN

I AM A GREEN DRAGON

A PART OF A PROUD DRAGON TRIBE

AT THAT TIME WE ASSUMED DUTIES, SUITED FOR OUR MOBILITY

BUT WHEN RED DRAGONS SEIZED THE THRONE AND STOPPED THE WARS

THE REASON BEING OUR "MOBILITY", UNRIVALED AMONG THE DRAGONKIN

AND IN THE TRIBAL WAR PERIOD WE USED IT FOR FIGHTING

THAT'S WHERE OUR HIGHEST VALUE LIES IN BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM WITHOUT A POSSIBILITY OF ACCIDENTLY STARTING A WAR

NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF AN ISOLATED SPECIES DRAGONS WANT TO BE, IT IS COMPLETELY BREAK UP WITH OTHER RACES

ALSO, THROUGH LONG PRACTICE WE HONED OUR ABILITY TO TAKE ON HUMAN FORM AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE

"THOSE SMALL ONES ARE MADE TO BE TRAMPLED UPON"

THERE WAS ONCE A RED DRAGON, WHO SAID THAT ABOUT OTHER RACES

AND THAT RED DRAGON, WHO CHALLENGED OTHERS

MET HIS END, SLAIN BY AN ARMY OF THOSE "SMALL ONES"

AND AFTER THAT "WE ARE STRONG, BUT ARROGANCE IS NO GOOD"

"IF POSSIBLE, MATTERS ARE BEST SOLVED WITH A DIALOGUE" BECAME THE OFFICIAL STAND -POINT

FROM THEN ON, WE, THE GREEN DRAGONS, ACQUIRED AN IMPORTANT POSITION OF MESSENGERS FOR THIS DIALOGUE

WE BECAME RESPECTED AMONG THE DRAGONS

AND I ENDED UP CARRYING HUMAN MADE "CUISINE"

THE INSIDES OF THE BOX, INFUSED WITH HEAT RETAINING MAGIC BY THE FAIRY QUEEN

ARE FILLED TO THE BRIM WITH THE THING CALLED "HAMBURG STEAK", "SOUP" AND "POTION JUICE"

BUT OF ALL THINGS, TO MAKE A TRASH GRADE RABBIT MEAT

TO ACQUIRE SUCH AN AROMA, IS THIS WHAT HUMANS ARE CAPABLE OF?

—NO, I SHOULDN'T THINK OF FOOD THAT MUCH, OR I'LL START DROOLING ...

AND DIDN'T EXPECT HUMAN CUISINE TO TASTE ANY DIFFERENT...

ON MY PREVIOUS TIMES AS A MESSENGER I GOT TO TRY DIFFERENT RACES' FOOD

BUT USUALLY THEY WERE TOO SWEET OR TOO LOW ON MEAT

STILL, THE TASTE OF THAT HUMAN'S FOOD CAME AS A SHOCK

THE TASTI -NESS OF FRIED MEAT, I'VE NEVER FELT BEFORE

THIS FEELING OF PLEASURE WITH A BIT OF SOURNESS, THAT STIMULATES THE TONGUE

AND ALL THOSE SUPPLE -MENTED WITH A SO-CALLED SAUCE, POURED ON TOP

WHICH PERFECTLY COMPLI -MENTS THE OVERALL TASTE WITH A TINGE OF HERB AROMA

AND WHEN I STRETCHED MY HAND FOR A CUP OF SOUP

ENTWINED WITH HERB AND SOUP FLAVOURS, YET ANOTHER MEAT ARMOA TICKLED MY TONGUE

I COULDN'T BUT SAY THAT IT'S "TASTY" OUT LOUD

I WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE MESMERIZED BY SUCH DISHES

IF I WOULD LOOK AROUND, I'D NOTICE HOW QUEEN AND HER PARTY WERE DEVOURING THE FOOD TOO

I'VE NEVER EATEN SOME -THING THAT GOOD BEFORE!!

AND THEN, FORGET -TING ALL ABOUT PRIDE, I UNCONS -CIOUSLY ASKED FOR SEC -ONDS

BEING ABLE TO EXTRACT SUCH A TASTE FROM THE LOWEST GRADE MEAT, HUMANS ARE NOT TO SNEER UPON.

AFTER TASTING IT ONCE, YOU'D BARELY CONSIDER THE BULLFORCE MEAT, WHICH IS A DELICACY, AS A MEAT ANYMORE

AND, OF COURSE I UNDER -STOOD THE REASON FOR YOUNG MISSUS'S LOSS OF APPETITE

SO I SHALL HURRY UP AND DELIVER IT!!

I HOPE THIS "CUISINE" SHALL LIFE YOUNG MISSUS'S SPIRITS...

I AM GLAD TO BE BACK, YOUR LORD -SHIP!!

FOR HIS LORDSHIP, THE RED DRAGON, TO GREET ME PERSONALLY ...THE SITUATION MUST BE SERIOUS!!

OOH, YOU ARE BACK AT LAST!!

O, NOBLE GREEN DRAGON!!

WE'VE TRIED EVERY MEDICINAL HERB OUT THERE... BUT YOUNG MISSUS...

WHITE DRAGON ELDER

YOU ARE LATE!! DID YOU FIND OUT A WAY TO BRING BACK YOUNG MISSUS' APPETITE!?

BLACK DRAGON ELDER

SFX: WHOOSH

WELL, I'LL HAVE TO TRUST THAT MAN'S "CUISINE"

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PLEASE, BRING YOUNG MISSUS HERE, POST -HASTE!!

YOUR LORDSHIP, EXCUSE MY IMPOLITE -NESS, I HAVE TO SAY IT

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O-ONE MORE!!

BUT OF COUR-SE!!

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IT IS CALLED "CUISINE"

HUFF ~

MISSUS IS SO CUUTE ♪

I'M FULL, IT WAS REALLY TASTY~♪

TELL ME, WHAT WAS IT!! HOW DID YOU DO THAT!?

O, GREEN DRAGON

O, GREEN DRAGON, DO YOU HAVE SOME OF IT LEFT? OF THAT SO-CALLED "CUISINE"

BUT OF COU -RSE

IT IS NOT MUCH, BUT PLEASE, HELP YOUR -SELF

EVERY -ONE MAY HAVE A TRY

YOU SAY IT WAS HUMAN "CUISINE" ....!?

SO THE MAN FROM THAT TIME HAD SUCH A TECHNO -LOGY ....?

RED DRAGON

SO THIS IS THE REASON, WHY YOUNG MISSUS WAS STARVING HERSELF!!

FOR IT TO HAVE SUCH A MEATY FLAVOUR !!

I SEE, NOW I UNDER -STAND, WHY YOUNG MISSUS DOESN'T CONSIDER BULLFORCE MEAT AS FOOD!!

UNBE -LIEV -ABLE FOR HUMANS TO MAKE THIS!?

IMPOSSI -BLE!? YOU SAY IT IS HIGH RABBIT MEAT!?

WH- WHAT IS THIS ....!?

GUH... I WANT MORE, IS THERE NONE LEFT!?

DAMN IT!! IS THIS BECAUSE I'D BEEN ENJOYING THE AFTERTASTE SO MUCH, THAT I FORGOT TO RINSE MY MOUTH....!?

AND A STRONG ONE TO BOOT, AS IF YOU'VE EATEN ALOT...

O, GREEN DRAGON, DO I NOT IMAGINE SENSING THE SMELL OF THIS "CUISINE" FROM YOUR MOUTH?

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I-IF THIS GOES ON.....

I'M IN TROUBLE ...!!

SO, I SUPPOSE, THE CAUSE IS THAT YOU WERE GOBBLING UP THIS FOOD

JEROH'S NOSE IS FAMOUS FOR ITS ACCU -RACY

SO, YOU DON'T DENY IT

YOU DIDN'T RECALL THAT IN YOUR REPORT

O, JEROH, IS THAT TRUE?

IT IS DECIDED!!

WE CAN OVERLOOK NEITHER THIS, NOR THE INACCU -RATE REPORT

INEX -CUSE -ABLE !!

FEASTING ON AN AMBROSIA WITHOUT MEASURE... IS NAUGHT BUT A SIN!!

SIN

SIN IT IS

...FRIENDS, IS IT NOT A SIN?

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SO, MAN UP AND LET'S GO

IT HAS BEEN LONG, SINCE THE PUNISH -MENT CHAMBER WAS LAST USED

NO...

N-NO, NOT THE PUNISH -MENT...

NO OO OO OO O!!

EHM...

OK, IT'S DONE!

GREEN DRAGON'S PLACE, 2 WEEKS LATER

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IT'S GETTING THERE SHAPE -WISE...

... AWFUL

AS I THOUGHT, COPYING THE SHAPE WITHOUT CONTENTS IS USELESS

IT'S PROBABLY USLESS, BUT I'LL TRY FILING A PLEA WIH HIS LORDSHIP TO ALLOW ME TO GO MEET THE MAN AGAIN...

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YO... YOUR LORD -SHIP!?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE, GREEN DRAGON

SFX: GULP

YOU'RE JUST GOING TO STUFF YOURSELF AGAIN, WON'T YOU?

NO WAY

I BEG YOU TO GRANT ME A VISIT TO THAT MAN

I'LL MEET HIM ONCE AGAIN AND LEARN ABOUT "CUISINE" ...

SFX: DO___NG

IT'S GOING TO TAKE... SOME TIME

HE'S STILL HOLDING A GRUDGE

I...I SEE...

"I KNEW IT" HAS ALMOST SLIPPED MY TONGUE, RECALLING THAT INCIDENT